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JOHN M. HOOD III, RECEIVES THE "MENTAL HEALTH PERSON OF THE YEAR" AWARD IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

SACRAMENTO--Director Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D. today applauded John M. Hood III, a consumer member of the California Mental Health Planning Council for being awarded the "1998 Mental Health Person of the Year" in San Diego County.

"It does not surprise me that John was selected to receive this award. One of the reasons he was appointed to the Planning Council was because of his participation and involvement with a number of organizations representing different perspectives and consumer issues at the state and local level," said Mayberg. As a member of the Council, John has been very consistent in his advocacy to include the clients' viewpoint in all policy issues and he has been faithful in attending and participating in the work of the council."

"John practices what he preaches and his involvement on various boards, commissions and State committees testifies to his drive and goal of consumer empowerment through collaboration. He has not been hesitant, in the least, to apply his personal knowledge of mental illness for the enrichment of the consumer movement," Mayberg said.

John M. Hood III will receive the "Mental Health Person of the Year Award" at the 12th annual Mental Health Recognition Dinner Association (MHRDA) on June 5 in San Diego. In addition to the award, his name will be engraved on a marble display at the County Health Services Complex.

The Mental Health Recognition Dinner Association (MHRDA) is a consortium of profit and nonprofit organizations in the public and private sectors, professional, families and clients involved in the mental health community in San Diego County. Once a year a dinner is held to honor individuals for their outstanding dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of individuals with mental illness. Nominees are submitted from participating organizations and individuals. The nominees are screened by an awards committee which then makes a recommendation to the MHRDA's board of directors. For more information about the Association's recognition dinner, contact Steve Harmon, 1998 Co-Chair at (619) 601-1081, P.O. Box 84243, San Diego 92138-4243.

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